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The Great Lakes **Avenge***rs*



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Bonvillian

They used to be Avengers. They weren't very good at it and a bunch of them died. But maybe the world is finally ready for...

The Great Lakes Avengers

A super villain mob led by the nasty Nain Rouge is terrorizing Detroit, and Councilman Dick Snerd isn't lifting a finger to stop them. (Probably because he IS Nain Rouge! SHH! It's a secret!) Fortunately, Flatman, Big Bertha, Doorman and their shape-shifting new recruit Good Boy are on the case--but after starting a fight at Nain Rouge's villain bar, the Great Lakes Avengers find themselves facing their old arch-nemesis: red tape.

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MILWAUKEE,
YEARS AGO.

THE GUNS
OF
LIVE

COOLIO BEANS COFFEE

AMERICANO
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DOUBLE ESPRESSO
MONKEY JOE'S CLUB
E
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ICED TEA
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MILWAUKEE BREW
NUT WHAT M
LAT

EXCUSE
ME?

ONE
SECOND!

W.A.B.B.
LIVE

RAGE
ON



SORRY!
SORRY! JUST
A SECOND! WHO'S
NEXT? WHAT'RE
YOU HAVING?

DO YOU
KNOW HOW TO
MAKE A RUSTY
LEAF BLOWER?

NEVER
MIND. IT'S A
BAD JOKE. JUST
A LARGE
COFFEE.

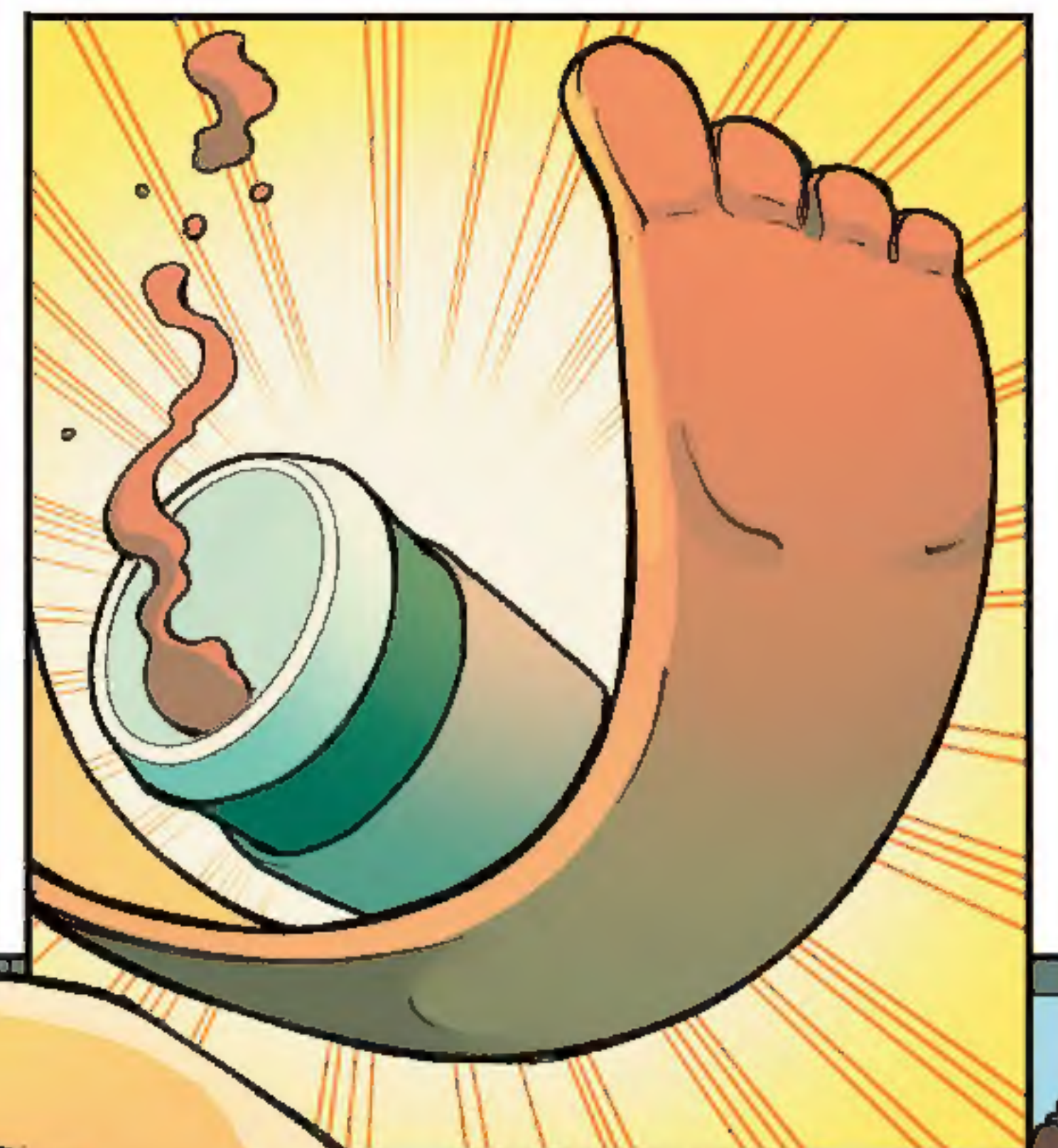
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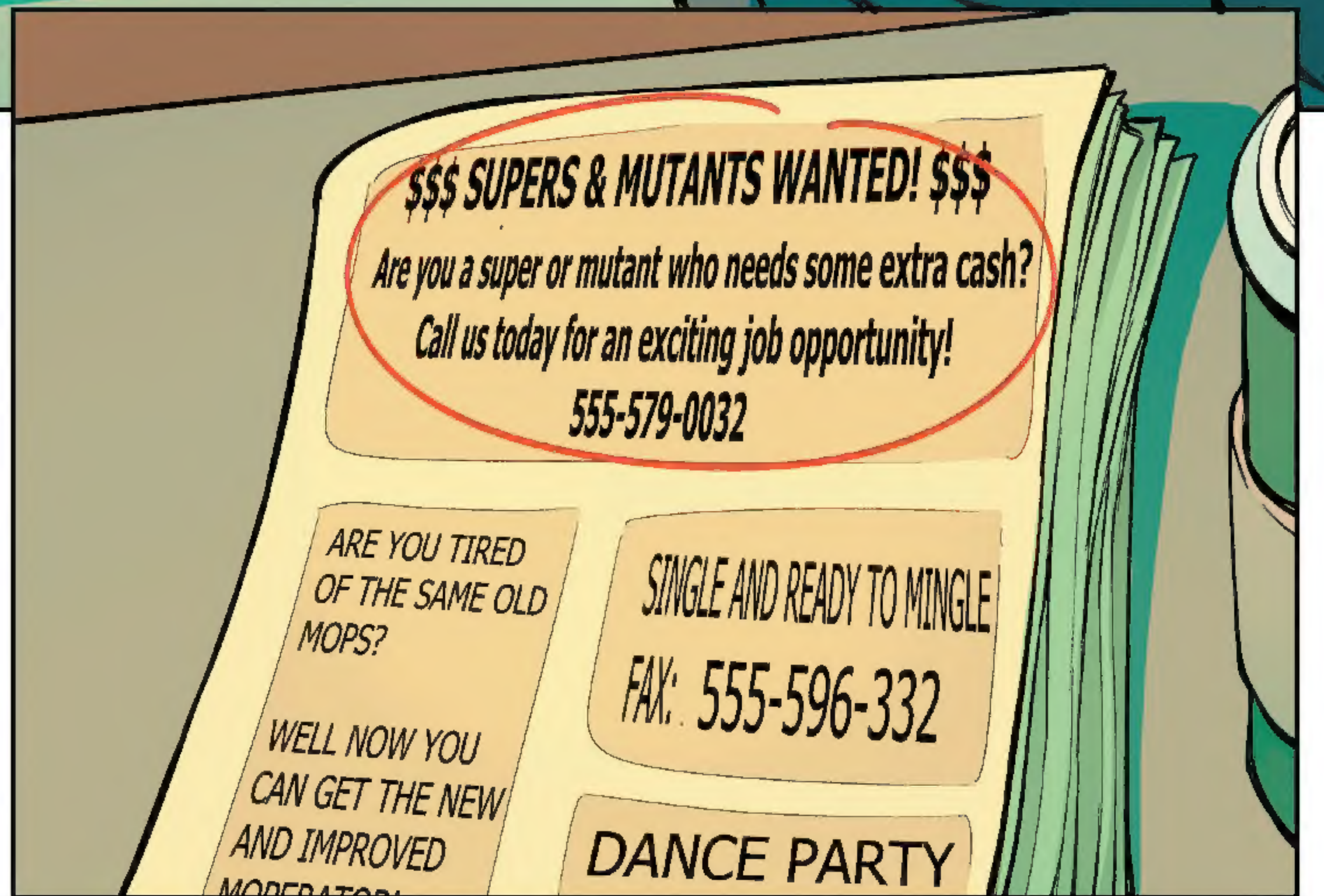
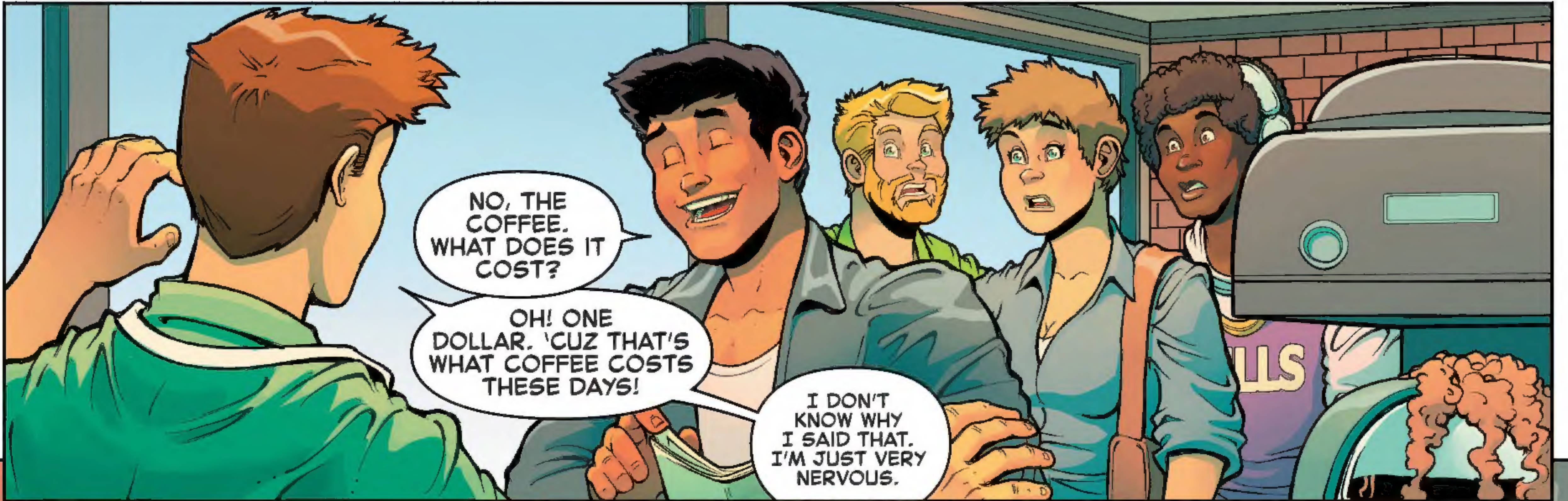
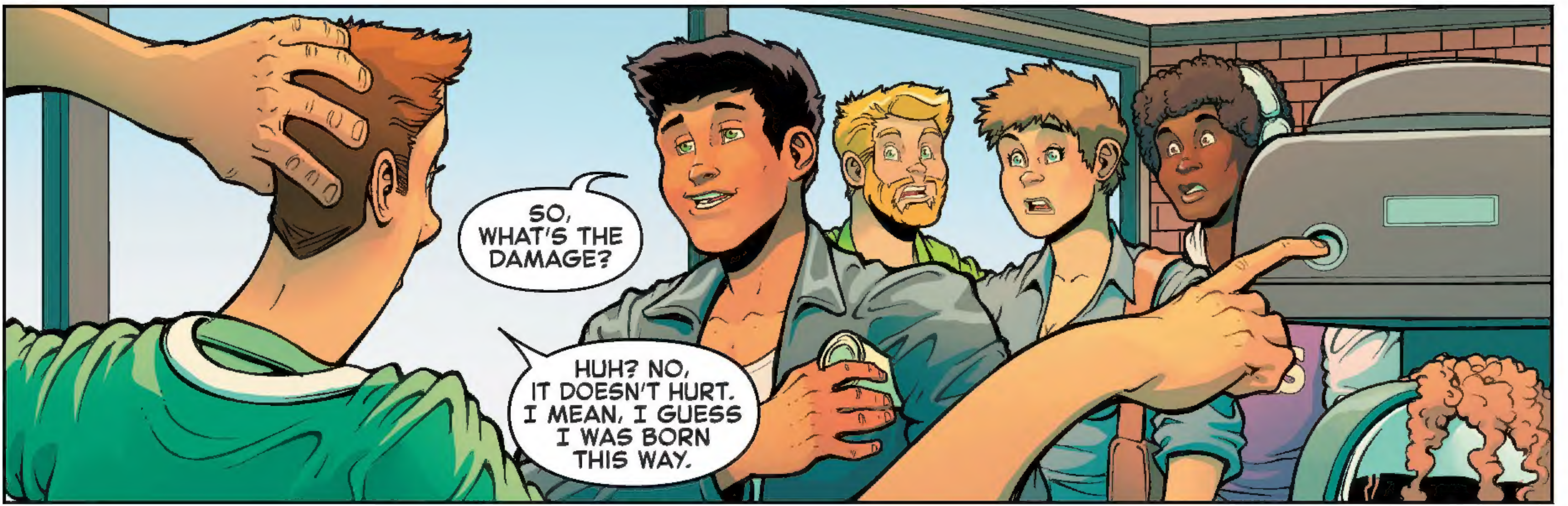


TAKE YOUR TIME. I CAN
WAIT. WHERE'S EVERYONE
ALWAYS GOING IN SUCH A
HURRY, ANYWAY? AM
I RIGHT?

UH, YEAH.
THAT IS--I
MEAN--







**GREAT LAKES
AVENGERS HQ,
DETROIT.
PRESENT
DAY.**

STARK ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING

ARE YOU SURE A NEW MEMBER IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA? I MEAN, YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WITH DINAH SOAR, AND GRASS-HOPPER, AND LEATHER BOY, AND MONKEY JOE...

SHHH! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN! DO YOU WANT TO FREAK THE POOR KID OUT? BESIDES, WHAT ABOUT **SQUIREL GIRL**, HUH? LOOK HOW WELL **SHE'S** DOING!

CRIME MONITOR

DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS...UM, WHAT ARE WE CALLING HER AGAIN?

GOOD BOY.

--I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO CUTE, HAVE YOU? IN OTHER NEWS, DETROIT'S FIRST EVER "SUPER-TEAM," THE GREAT LAKES AVENGERS, ARE OFF TO A ROCKY START...

"GOOD BOY"?

HER IDEA. SHE SAYS HER FURSONA IS A DUDE.

HER WHAT?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF THE INTERNET?

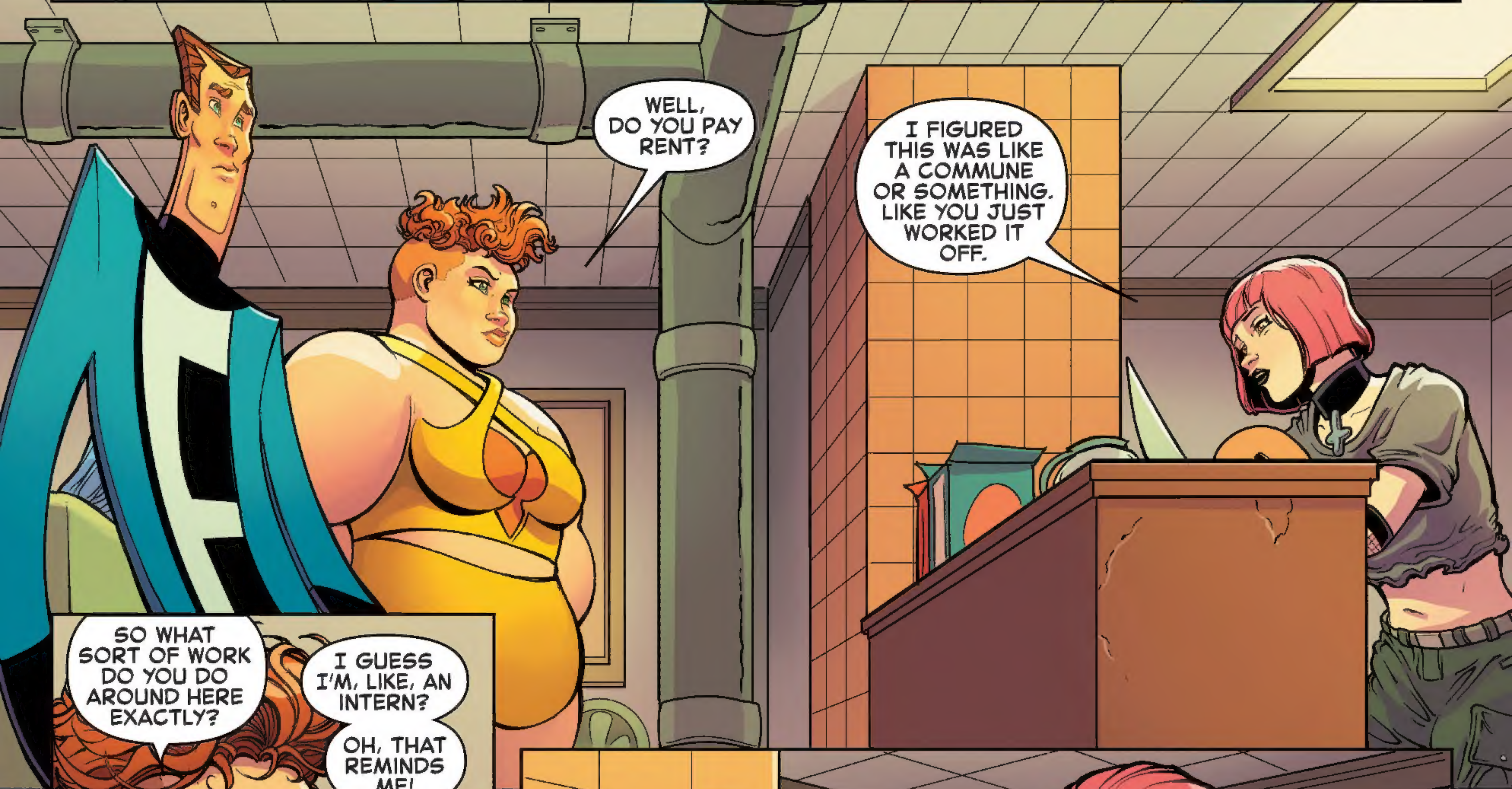
UH, GUYS? YOU MIGHT WANNA CHECK THIS OUT!

ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS, THE GREAT LAKES AVENGERS HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH AN INJUNCTION FROM THE CITY OF DETROIT, BARRING THEM FROM "SUPER HERO ACTIVITY" UNTIL THE CITY HAS TIME TO ASSESS THEIR CAPABILITIES TO ADEQUATELY SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE INJUNCTION AGAINST THE TEAM COMES AT AN INOPPORTUNE TIME FOR THE CITY, AS THE RECENT SPIKE IN SUPER VILLAIN CRIME HAS MANY LONGTIME RESIDENTS FRIGHTENED.

CITY COUNCILMAN DICK SNERD ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS EARLIER THIS MORNING...





OH, THAT REMINDS ME!

THERE'S A GUY WANDERING AROUND HERE LOOKING FOR YOU. MEDIUM HEIGHT. KINDA BASIC. HAS HAIR THAT LOOKS LIKE THE GUY IN THAT MOVIE ABOUT SURFERS WHO ROB A BANK?

PATRICK SWAYZE...



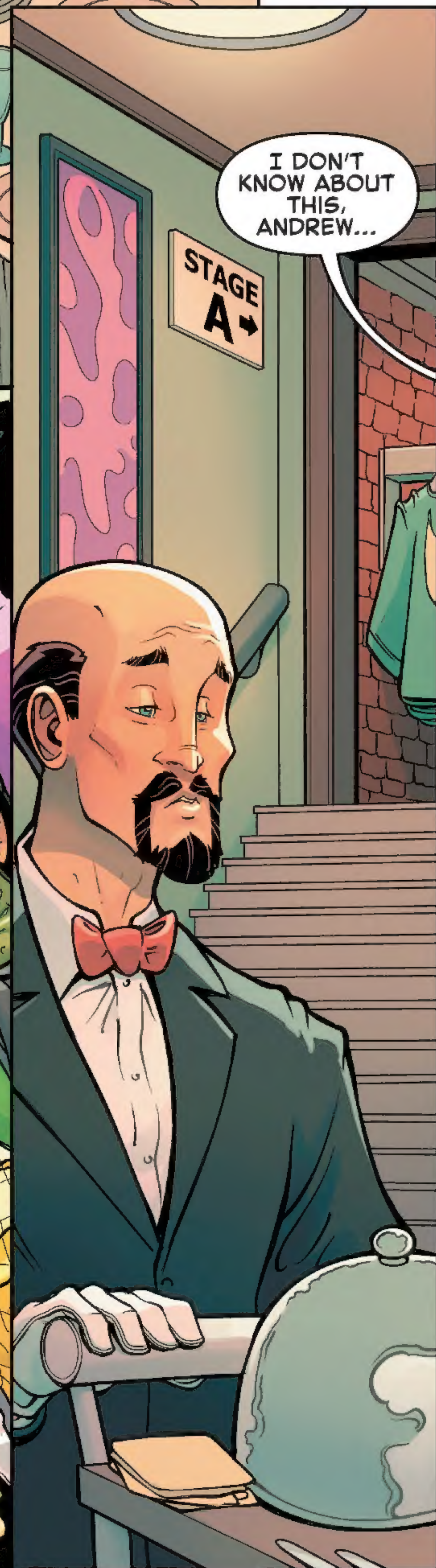
EXIT

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING...
I SHOULD
KEEP THE
BEARD.

Mr.

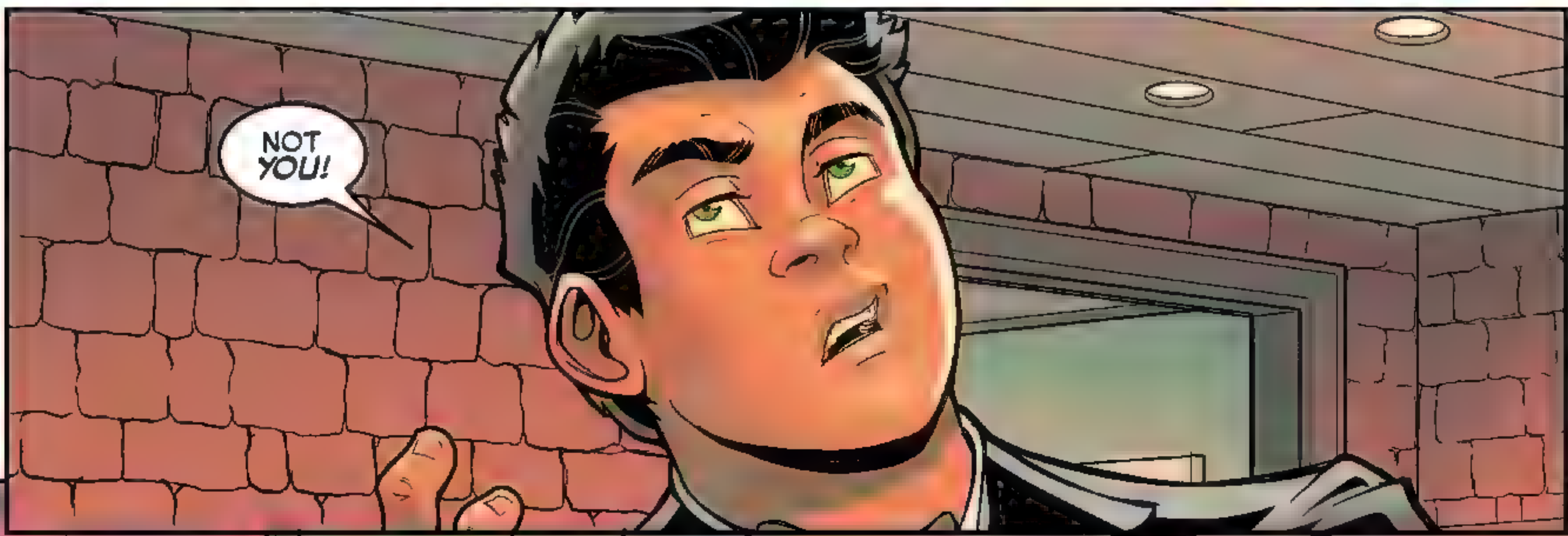
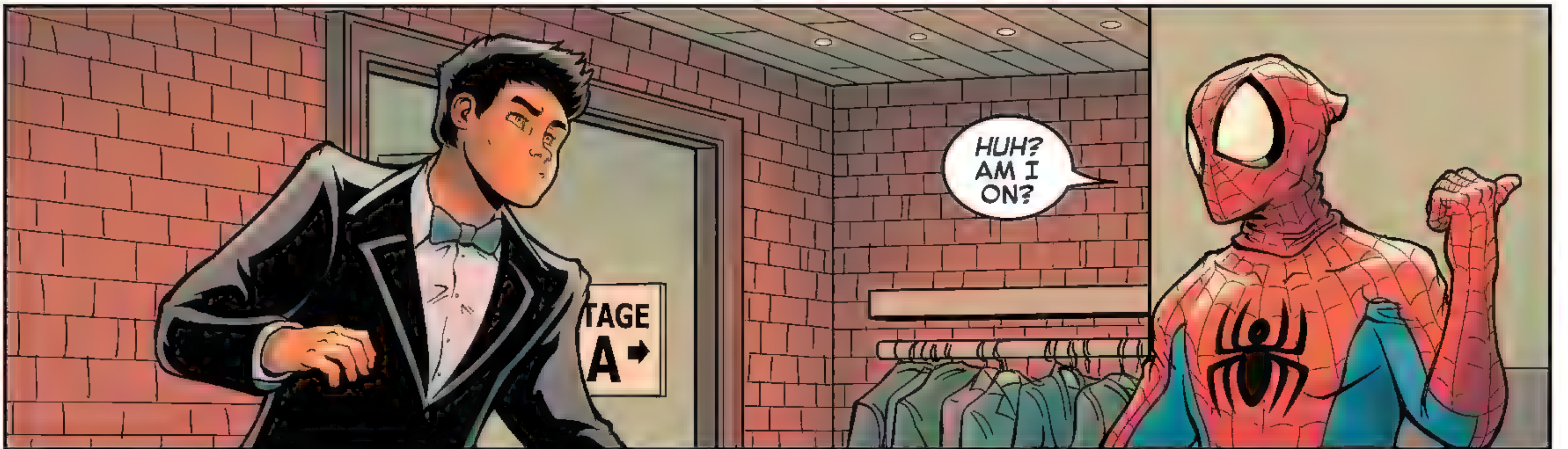
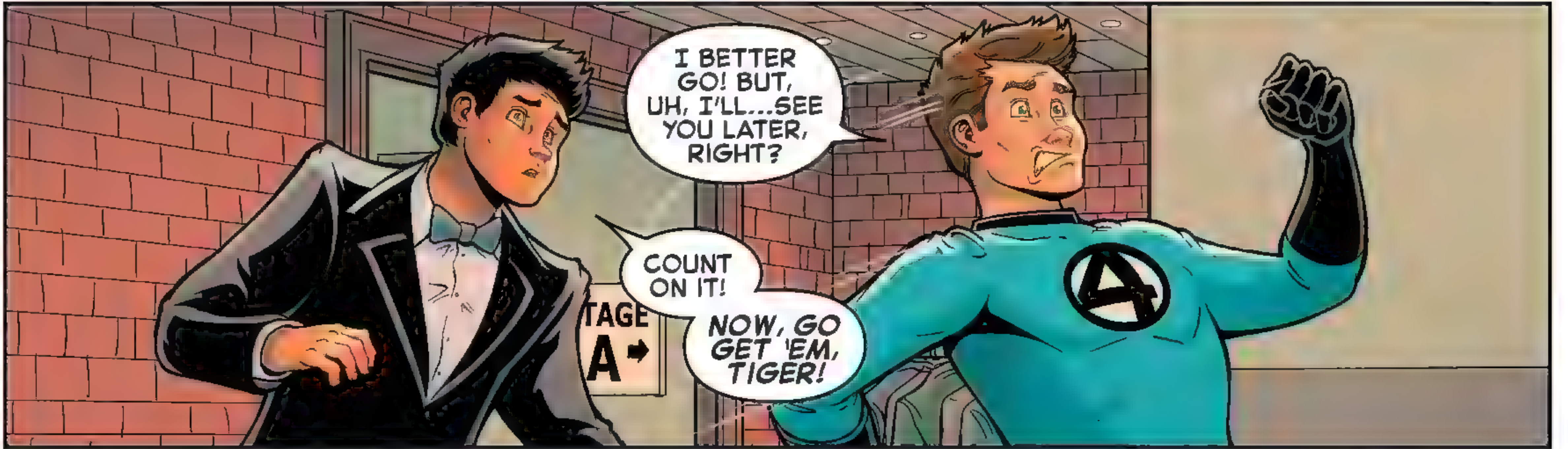
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IMMORTAL!**

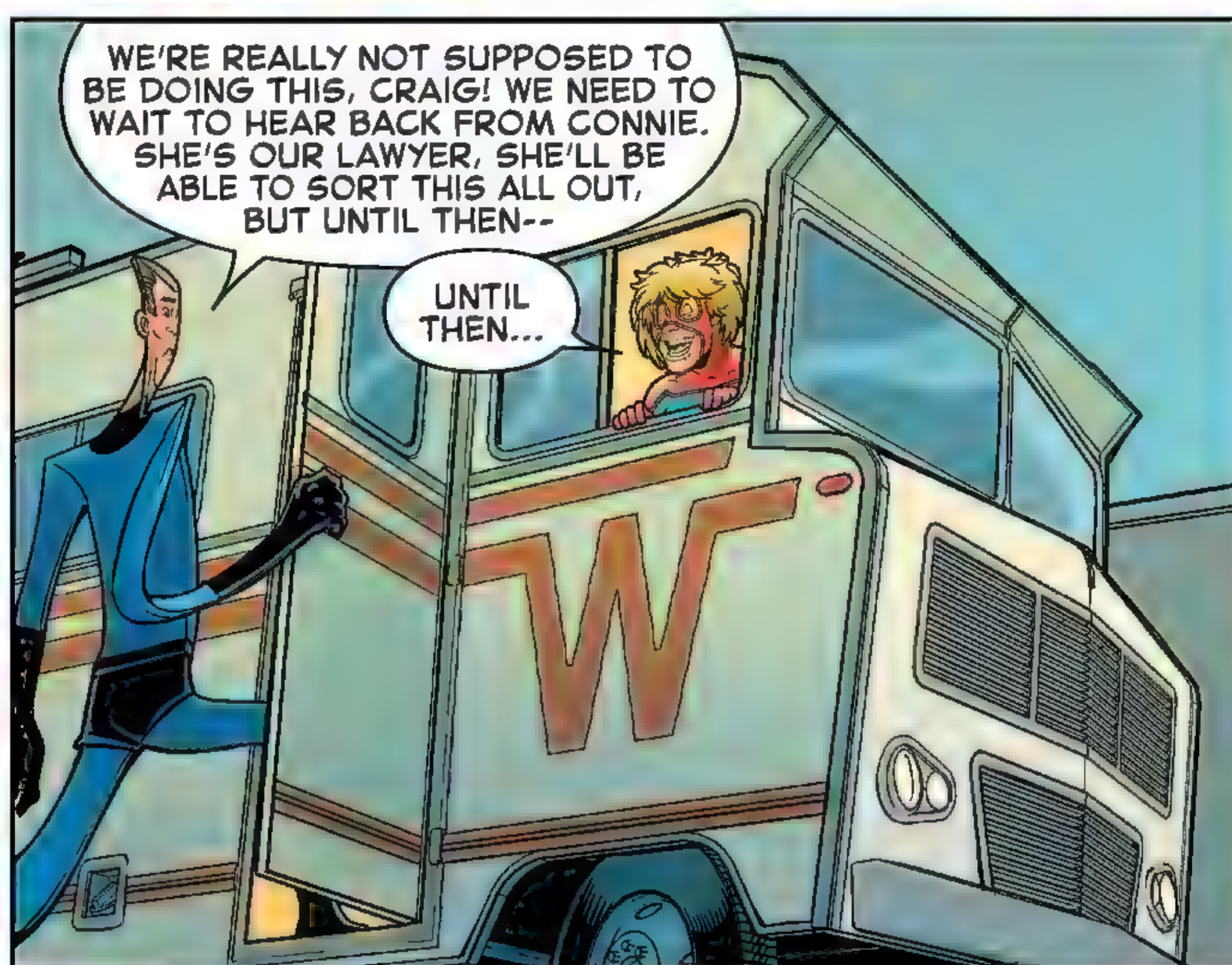
MILWAUKEE,
YEARS AGO.



NO. YOU'RE
RIGHT. I'VE MET
MR. FANTASTIC.
YOU'RE MUCH
SEXIER.

OH! OH,
WELL...I
BETTER,
UH...







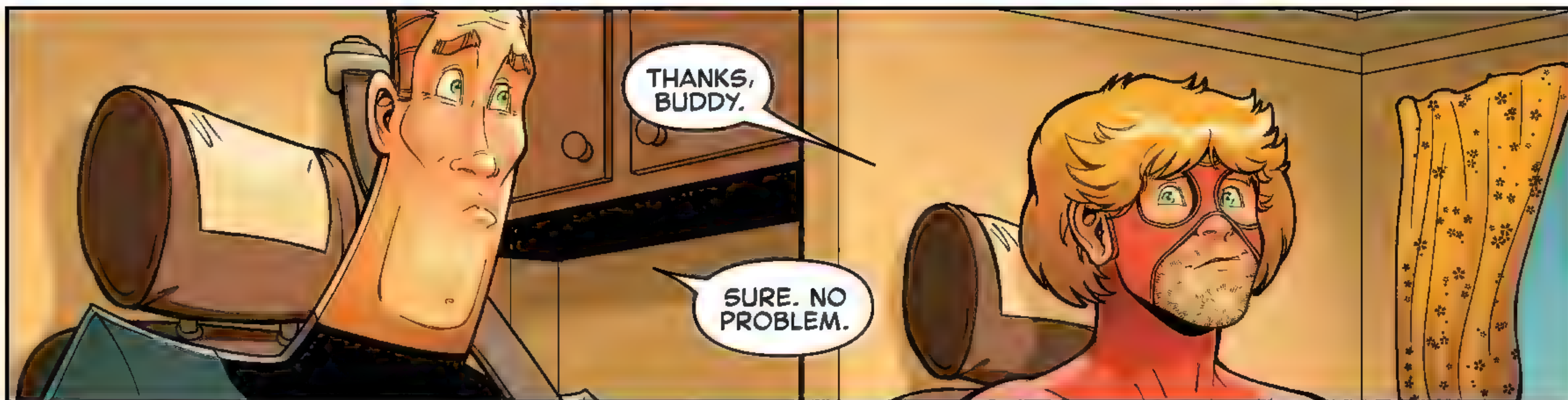
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I NEED THIS, OKAY? I NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK. TO STRETCH MY LEGS. LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.



AFTER I LEFT, THINGS GOT REALLY BAD. BURYING MYSELF WAS THE ONLY WAY. BUT I'M BACK NOW. SO I'M ASKING YOU, AS A FRIEND.

PLEASE, VAL. I NEED THIS. I NEED THINGS TO GET BACK TO NORMAL.

SIGH
OKAY. FINE.



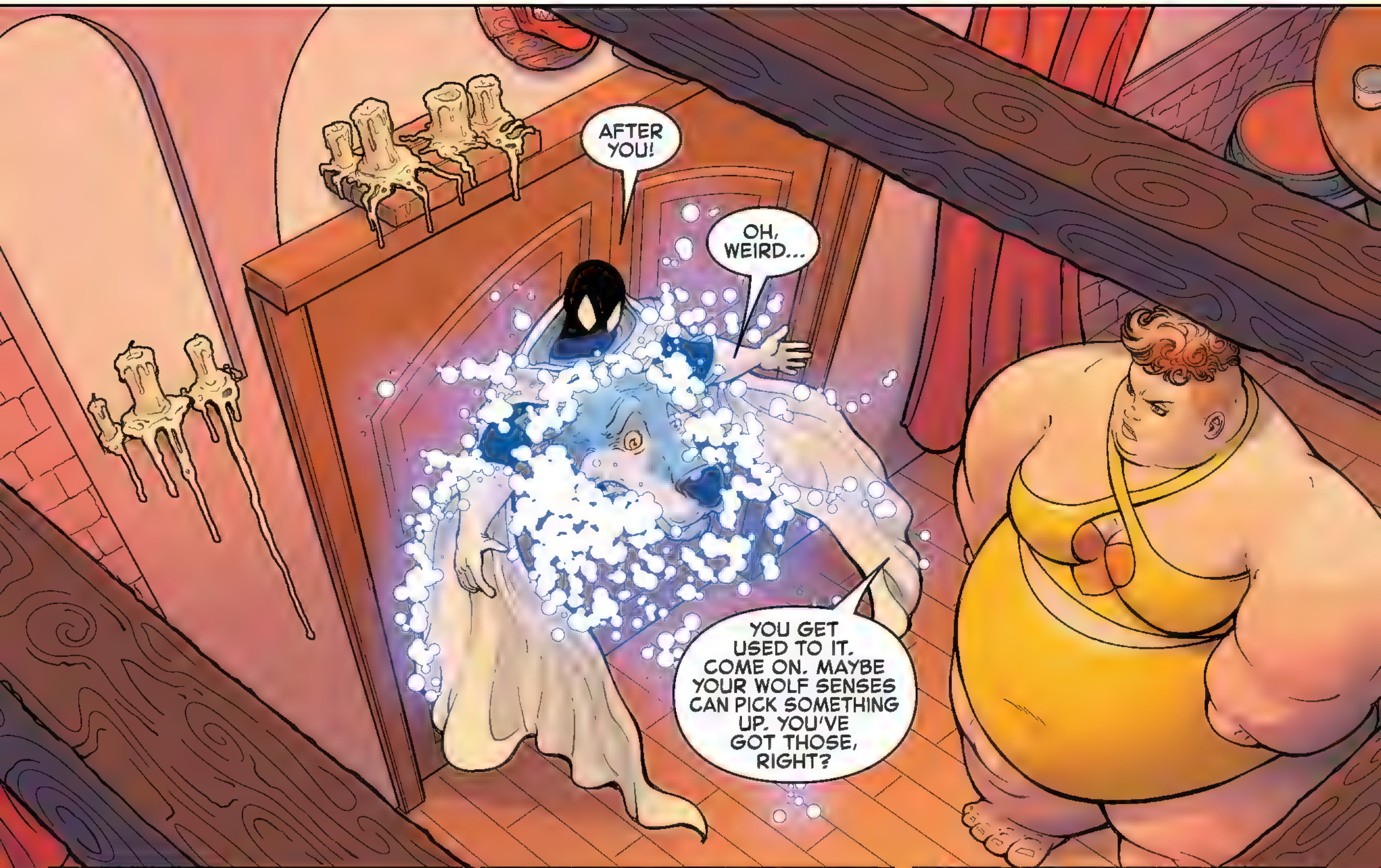
THANKS, BUDDY.

SURE. NO PROBLEM.



DID I MISS ANYTHING WHILE I WAS GONE?

I DUNNO. NOT REALLY. ANOTHER CIVIL WAR. I THINK BRUCE BANNER DIED. I CAN'T KEEP UP.



AFTER YOU!

OH, WEIRD...

YOU GET USED TO IT. COME ON. MAYBE YOUR WOLF SENSES CAN PICK SOMETHING UP. YOU'VE GOT THOSE, RIGHT?

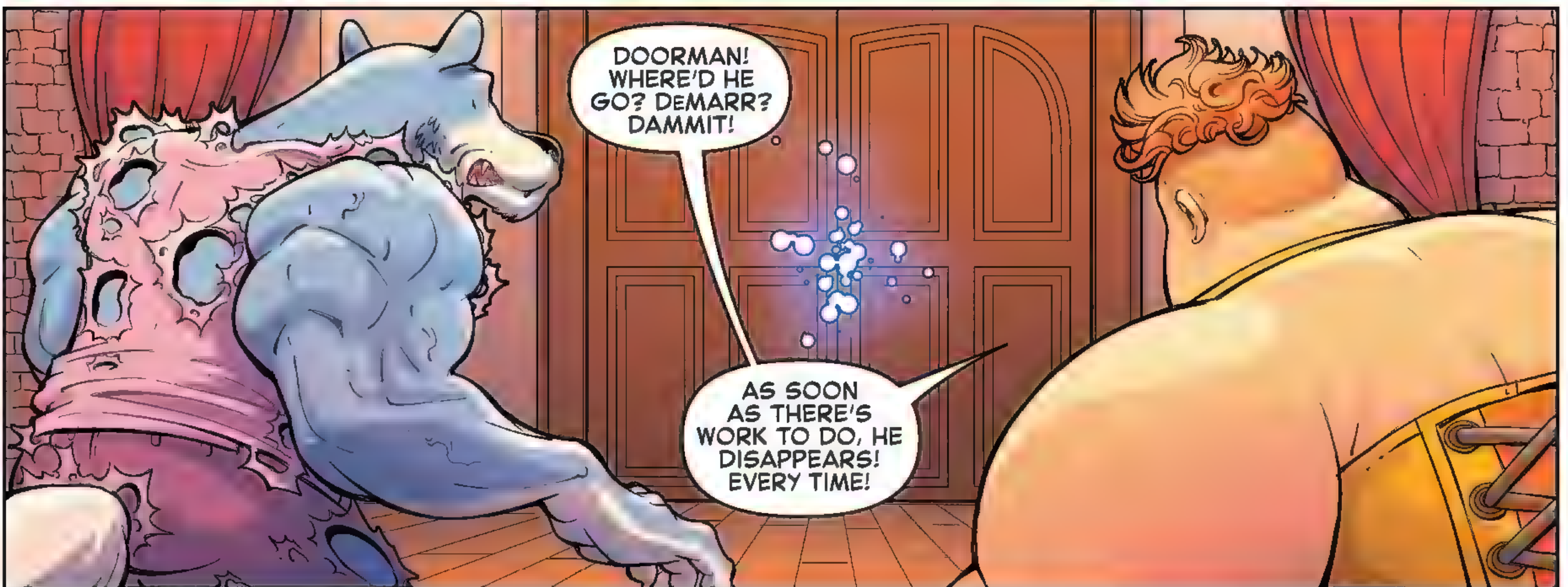
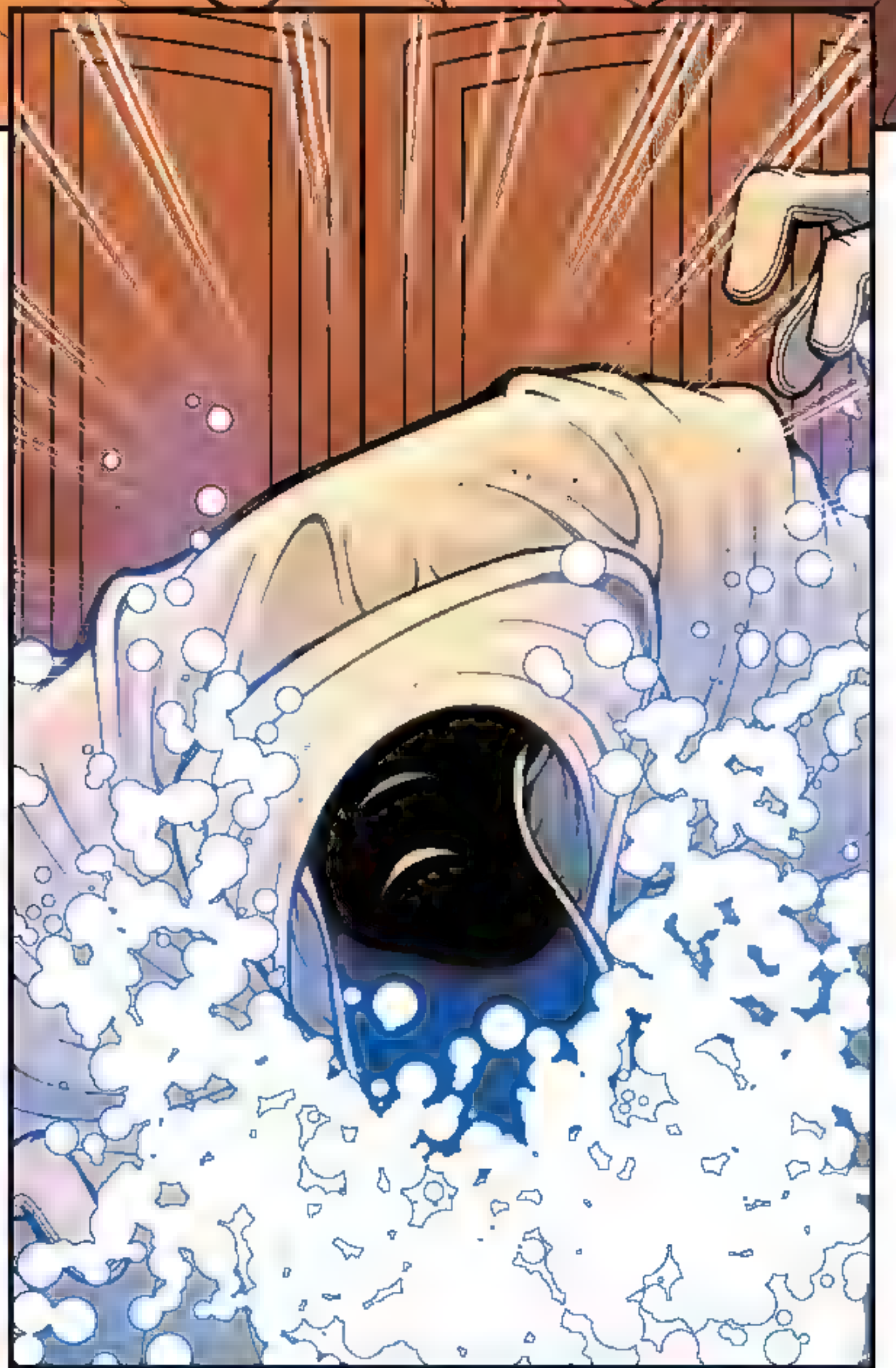


UH, DID SOMEBODY JUST SAY MY NAME?

NO. COME ON.

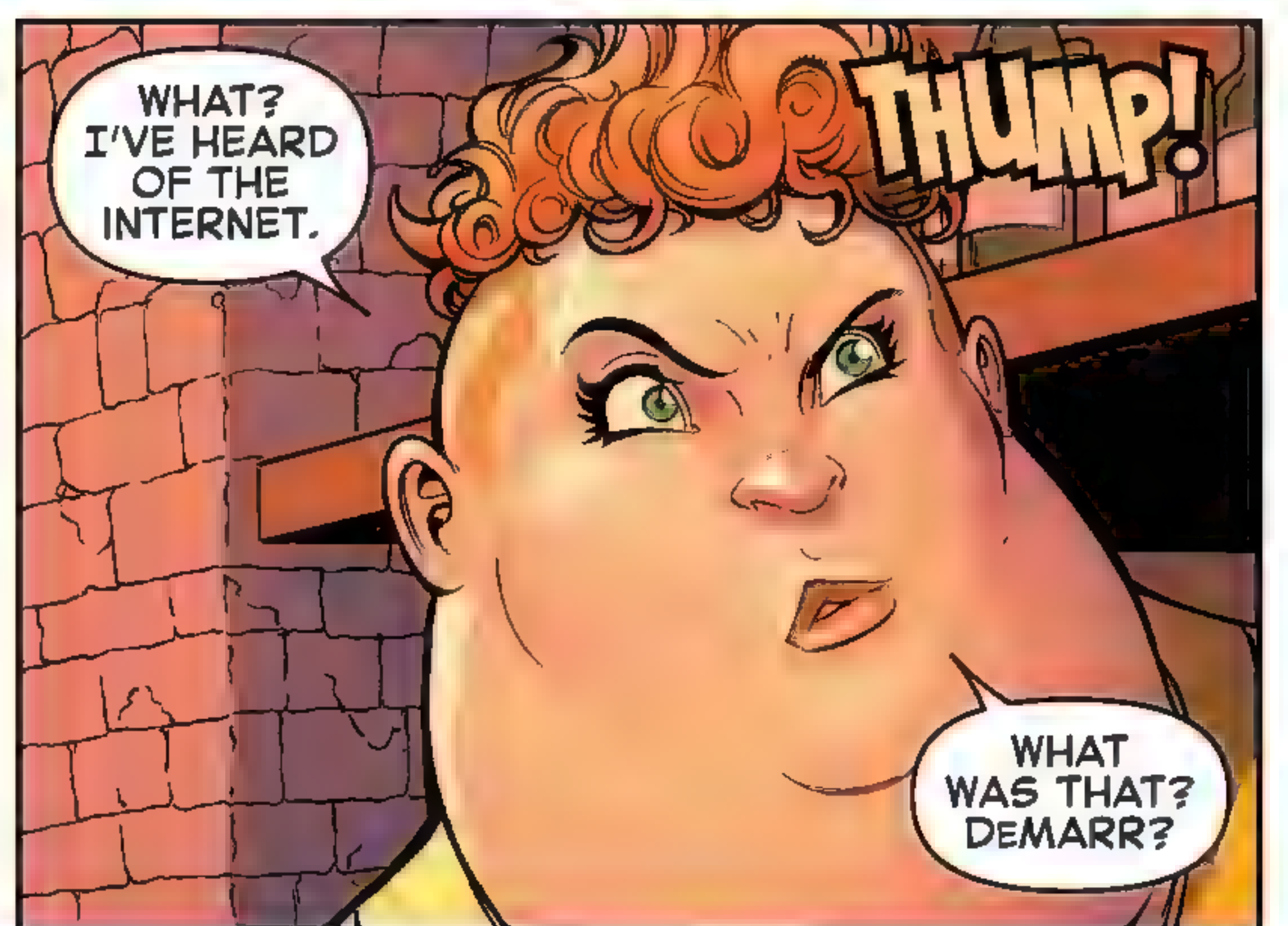
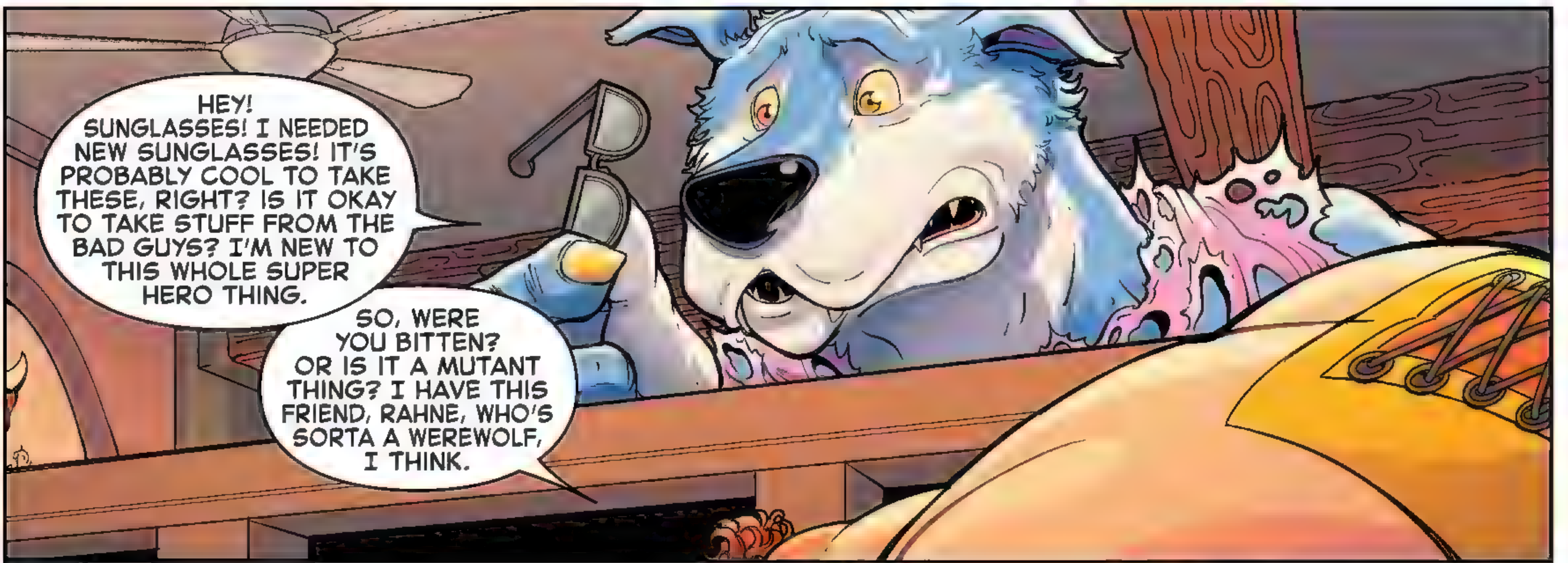


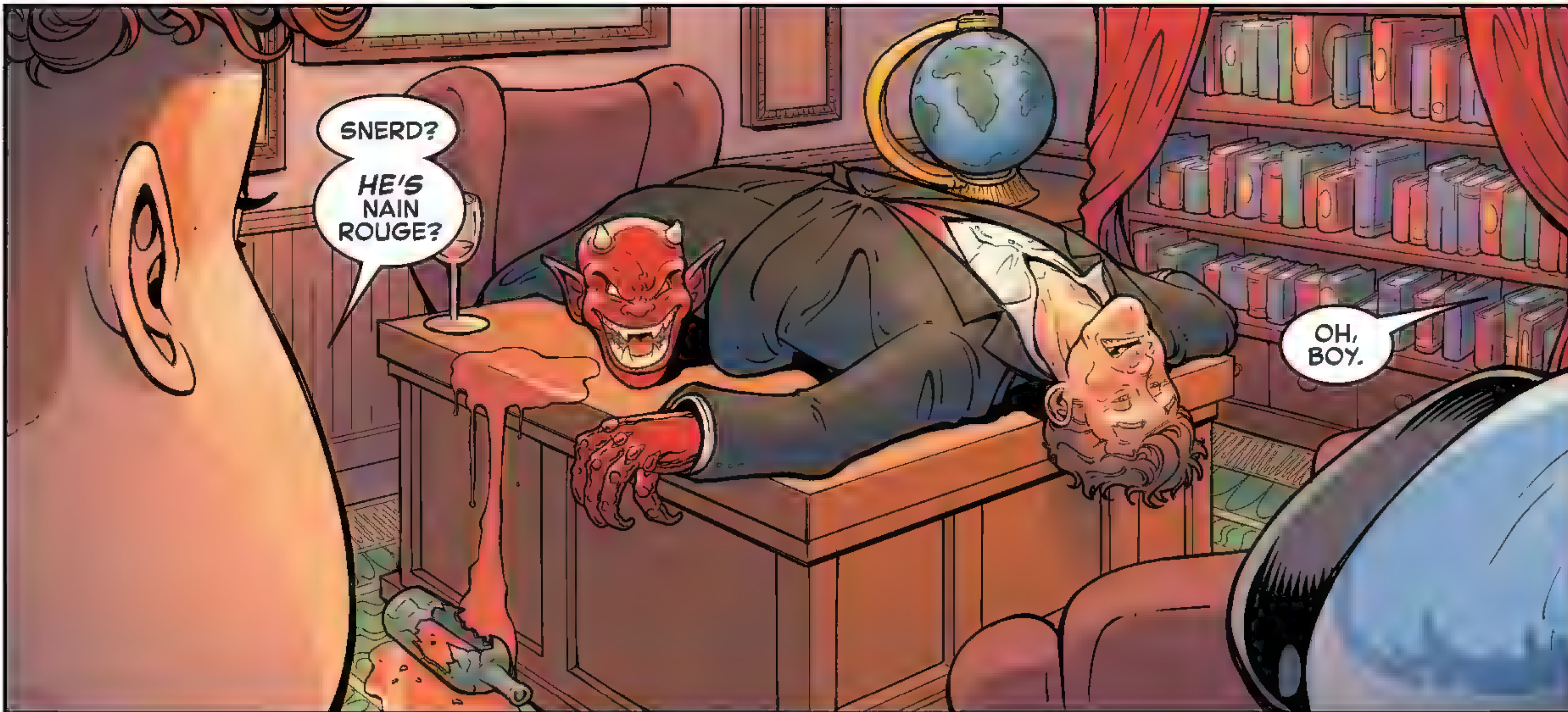
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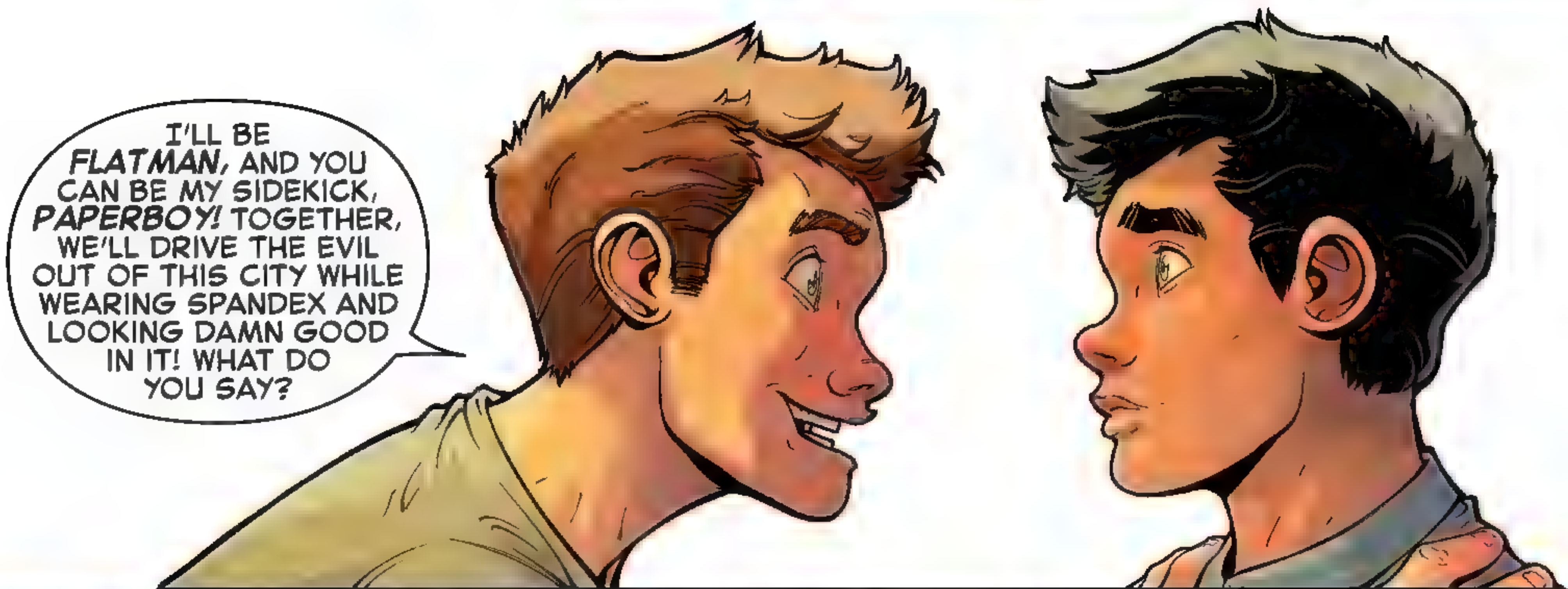
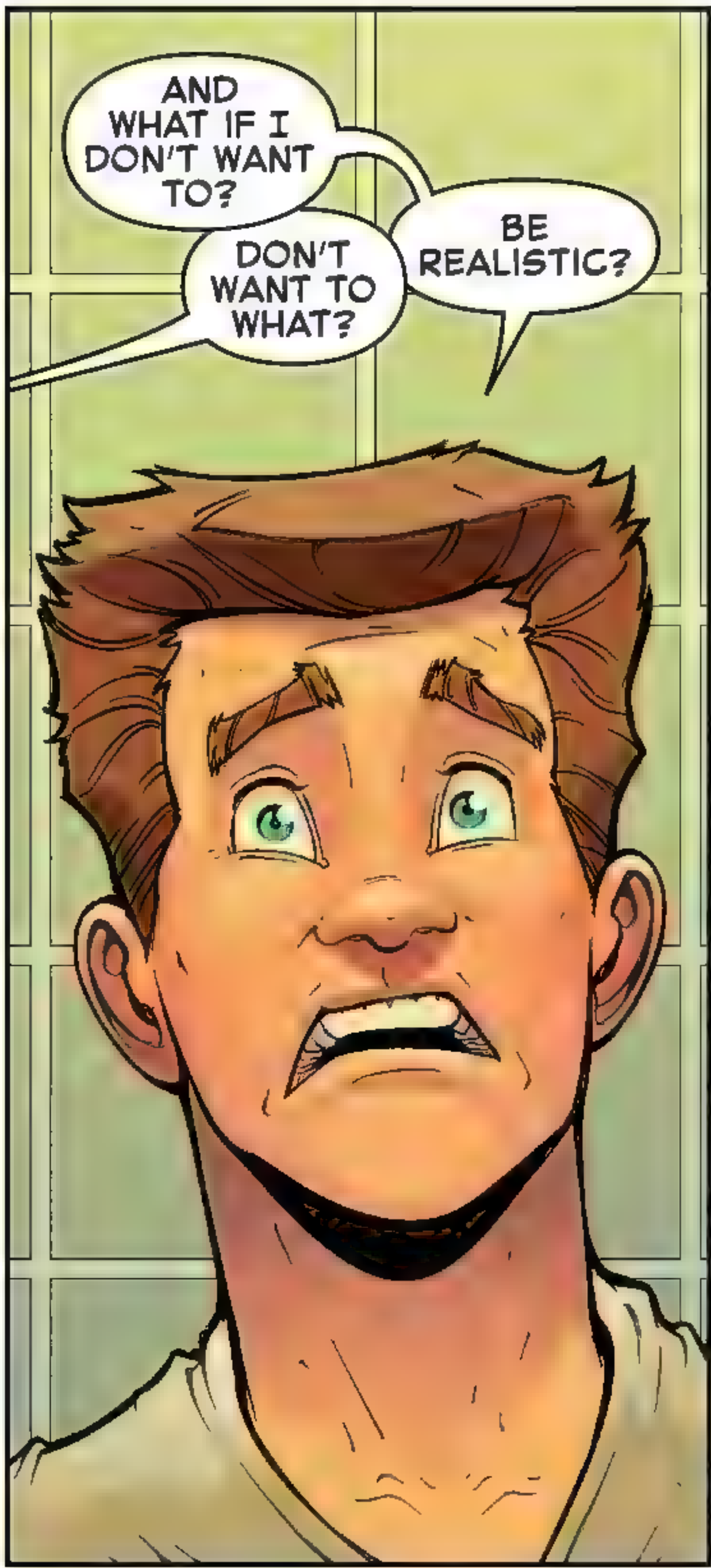
DOORMAN! WHERE'D HE GO? DEMARR? DAMMIT!

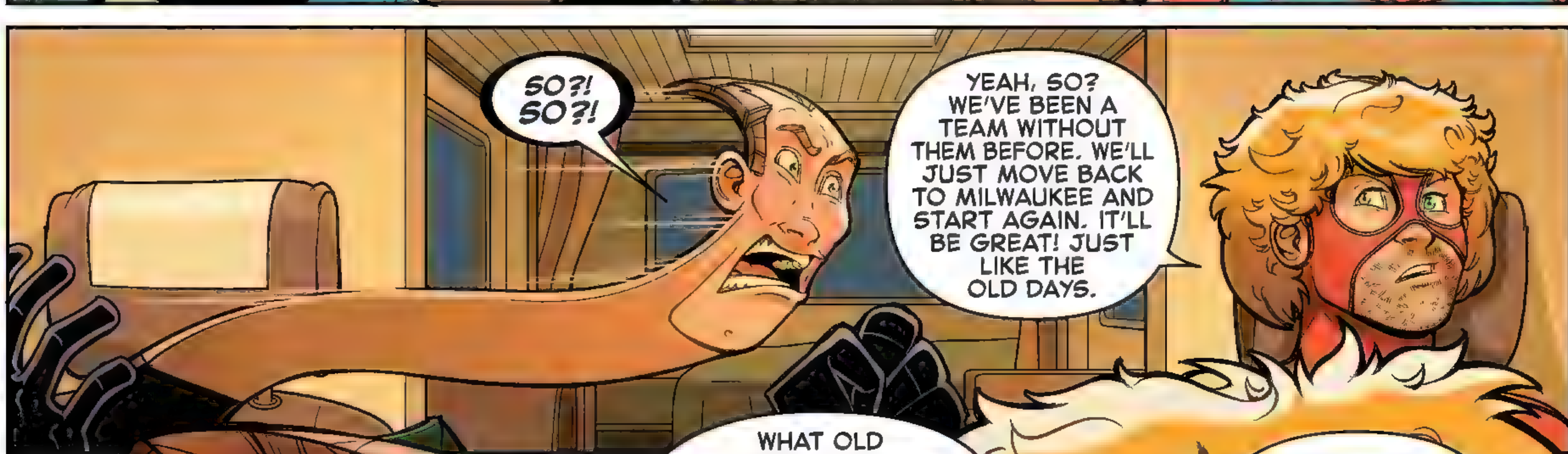
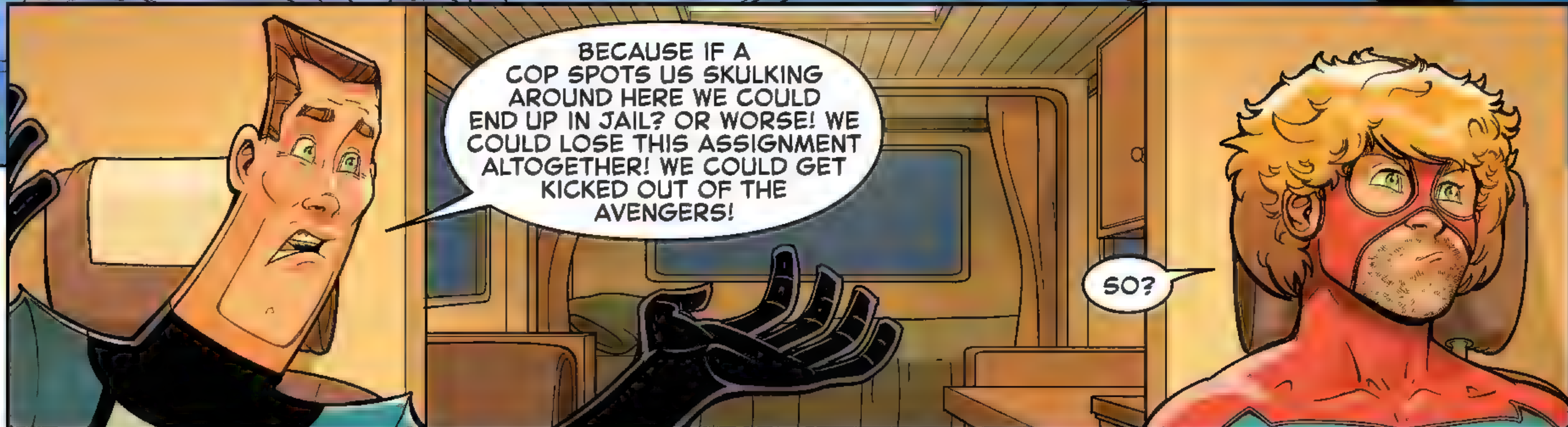
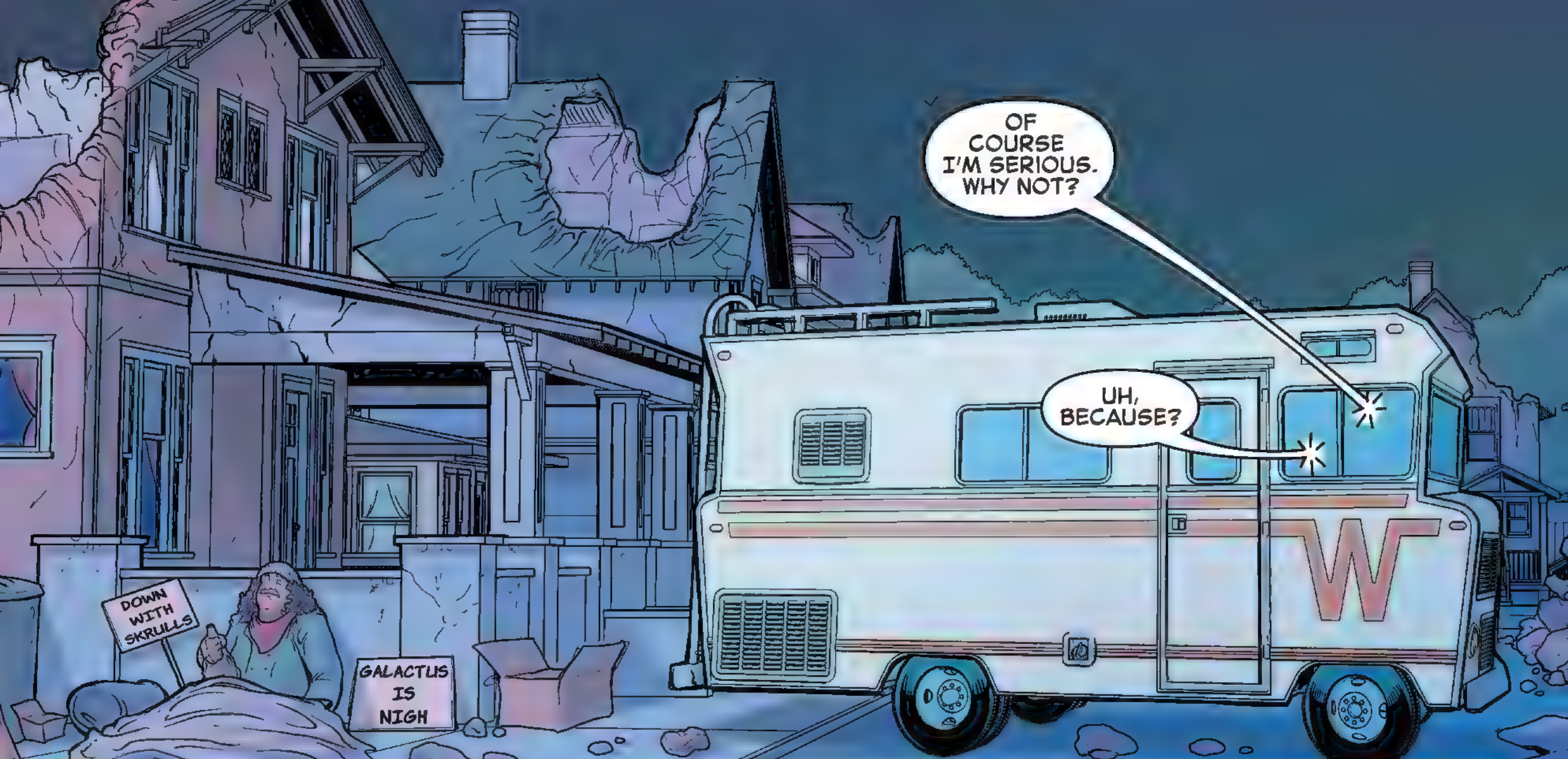
AS SOON AS THERE'S WORK TO DO, HE DISAPPEARS! EVERY TIME!

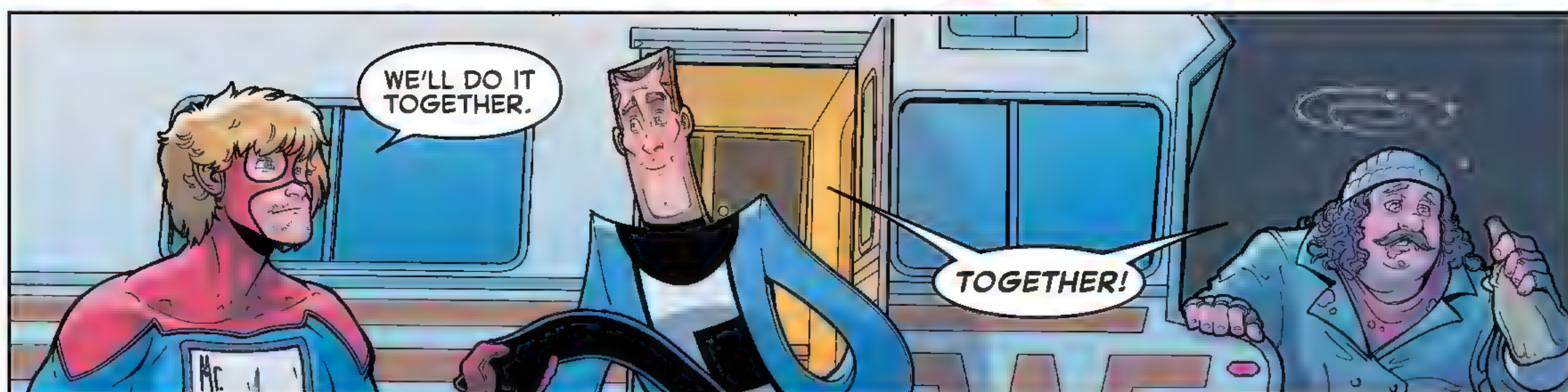
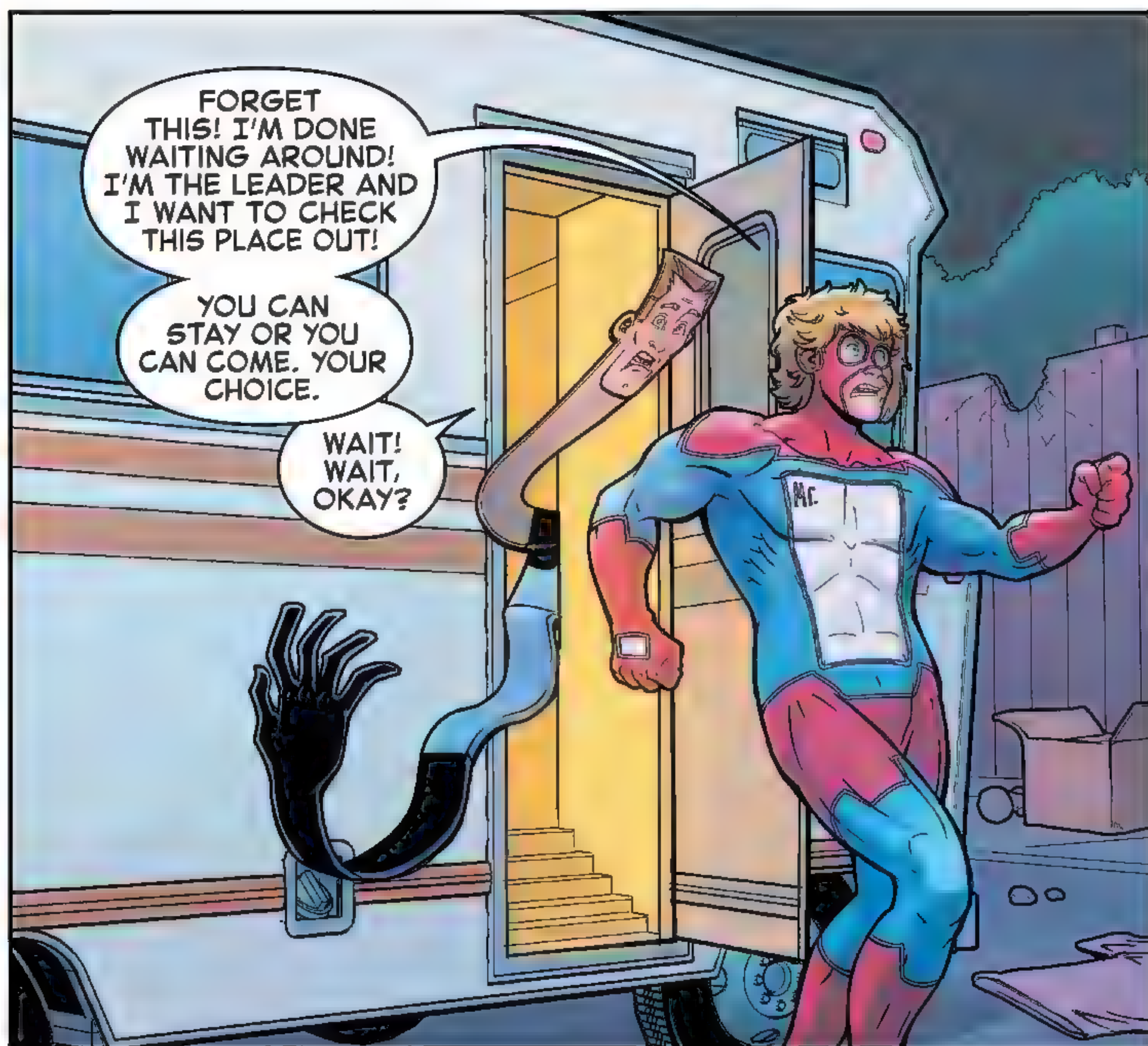












THE DARKFORCE DIMENSION.

HELLO?

MAN OF
DOORS.

CLOSE.

I AM THE VOID.
THE END OF CREATION.
THE NOTHING WHICH
WATCHED THE BIRTH
OF EVERYTHING.

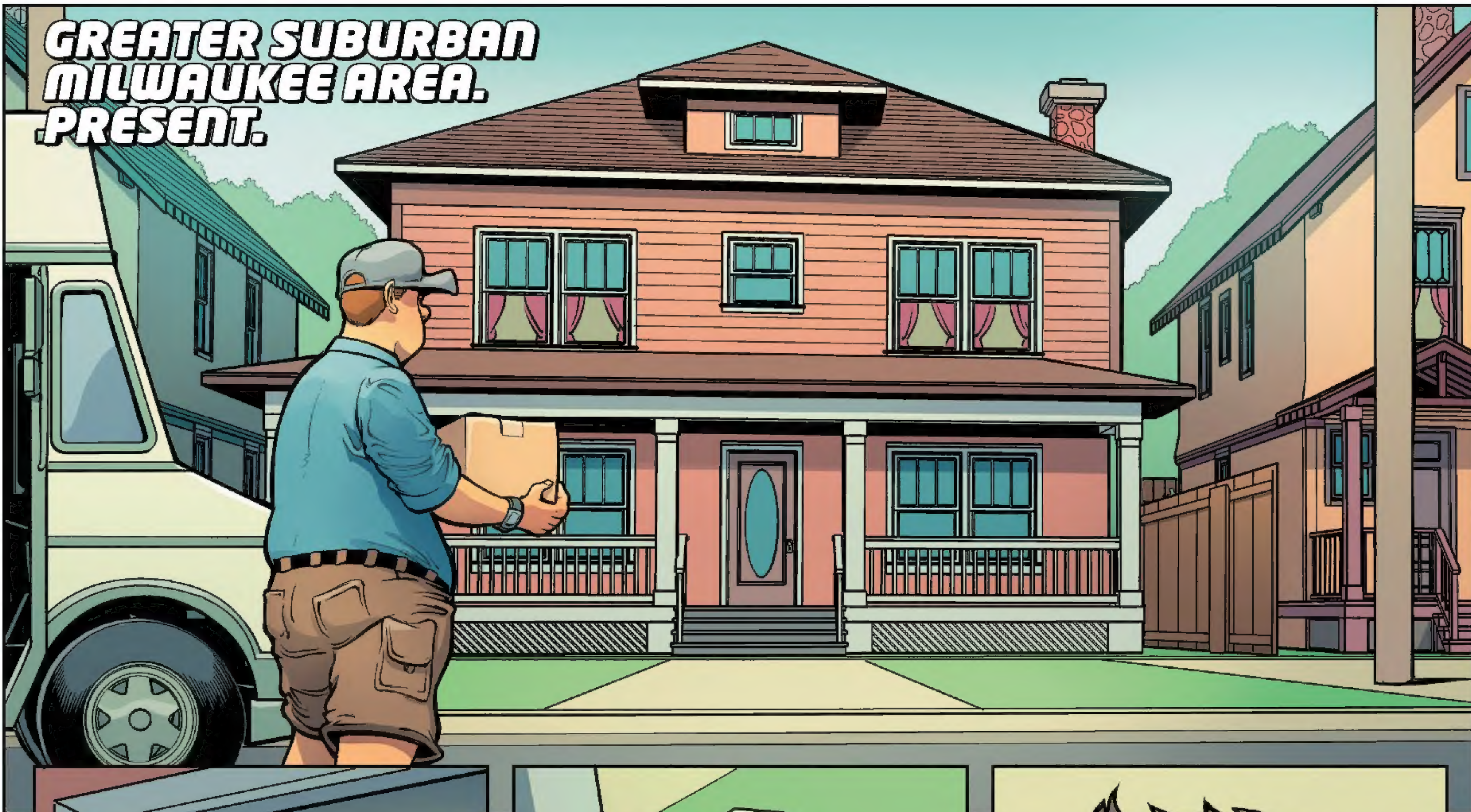
EW,
GROSS.

I AM OBLIVION,
AND YOU, DEMARR DAVIS,
THE ONE KNOWN AS
DOORMAN, ARE INDEBTED
INTO MY SERVITUDE,
WHICH BEGS THE
QUESTION...

...WHERE
THE HELL HAVE
YOU BEEN?

SO,
FUNNY
STORY...

**GREATER SUBURBAN
MILWAUKEE AREA.
PRESENT.**



MICHIGAN MISSIVES

THE AVENGERS IN DETROIT:

CITY IN NEED FINDS HEROES IT DESERVES.



*SIDEKICK STILL WANTED,
CONSIDER THIS A TIP.
XOXO - UAL*

**TO BE
CONTINUED...**

The Great Lakes Avengers

Send letters to
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marked "Okay to Print"!



We said the Great Lakes Avengers will hire just about anybody to be an expendable human shield, and our readers have answered the call! But can our overwhelmingly ordinary applicants impress writer and GLA hiring director Zac Gorman? Let's find out!

Super-powers and achievements include (but are not limited to):

1. I don't know who Mr. Fantastic is, and I don't care either.
2. Conveniently located in Berlin, WI, where you should NEVER go.
3. I once pretended to be Jeff Loeb... it didn't work. (Editor's note: See AMAZING ADVENTURES #9.)
4. I always A.I.M. to please.
5. I will never leave the team to become a herald of Galactus, no matter how much he begs.
6. I once interned with Doctor Tannenbaum, and am prepared for any Snowman-related mission that might arise.

I have already given my two weeks' notice, and await your acceptance letter.

Tim Mentuis
Berlin, WI

Dear Tim, you showed the right amount of initiative and forward-thinking in quitting your job before sending your letter. There's no substitute for ambition. Unfortunately, your A.I.M. reference has us all a little worried that you might actually be M.O.D.O.K. in disguise. So, I'm sorry, but we must respectfully decline your offer.

Dear Great Lakes Avengers,

My name is Aeromajor and for 30 years I've been fighting crime in the Toledo, Ohio area. I have the mutant ability of naviometry, meaning no matter where I go, people ask me for directions, no matter if that's in the Great Lakes or on the other side of the planet. The side effect is that I cannot get lost. I can help the GLA find their way to wherever they are needed.

Aeromajor



Whoa! You already have your own costume? And an awesome staff? I have to be honest here, I think you might be able to do better than the Great Lakes Avengers. I say why not aim higher? The Guardians of the Galaxy get lost all the time! Dream big, my friend! Dream big!

My super-power isn't a normal one, that is for sure. I was born with an insatiable urge to eat pumpkins: not whole pumpkins but foods with pumpkin in them. I'd even make hamburgers with slices of pumpkin. Weird, I know. But the whole reason I'm writing this isn't because I obsessively eat pumpkins. It is because on my 23rd birthday, I gained the ability to communicate with pumpkins and slowly learned about each one: who and what they were and what faces they wanted to have. That's it, my power. I'm not made of pumpkin, no super-defensive skin or anything cool. Literally not helpful to anyone, but the pumpkins were always more friendly than people. So, I made friends with the pumpkins. The pumpkin patch told me of the reforming of the Great Lakes Avengers, and they're kinda pushing me to join...

Any room for a pumpkin dude?

King Pumpkin
(The pumpkins named me this.)

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-eater! That's what the pumpkins should've called you! I have to question the rationale of anything which would elect the foremost devourer of its people as their king.

Hi, Great Lake Avengers! First I want to congratulate all of you for receiving official Avengers Membership, way to go! Also, what I can do with my secret super-power is sell official GLA Merchandise, lots and lots of merchandise, exponentially bettering all of your lives and the lives of your neighbors near your new headquarters. I envision a community --no, a GLA Community--where boys and girls are playing with Great Lake Avengers action figures while their parents and grandparents are wearing full Great Lake Avengers cosplay regalia. Team, if you would have me, could you please help me pick a code-name and help me with a costume design? I would greatly appreciate it. Your new grassroots community will become a beacon of hope and a model safe place where everyone is friends and laughs are always with and never at. Make Mine Marvel!

John Bonnett
Coronado, CA

I want everybody to look at this letter. Take a good long look. Read it. Then read it again. Revel in its candor and enthusiasm. Roll around naked on the bear skin rug of its visionary nature. This is exactly what we're looking for when it comes to picking new members of the Great Lakes Avengers! You would do well to remember this man's name. Remember John Bonnett, because one day we'll all be working for him!

Dear Great Lakes Avengers,

I hear you are looking for new members. I would like to take this opportunity to nominate myself. I am Australian, which is quite a good super-power, and better than a lot out there, and should qualify me to be a super hero in the same way that being British makes you automatically eligible to be a super villain.

Please let me know.

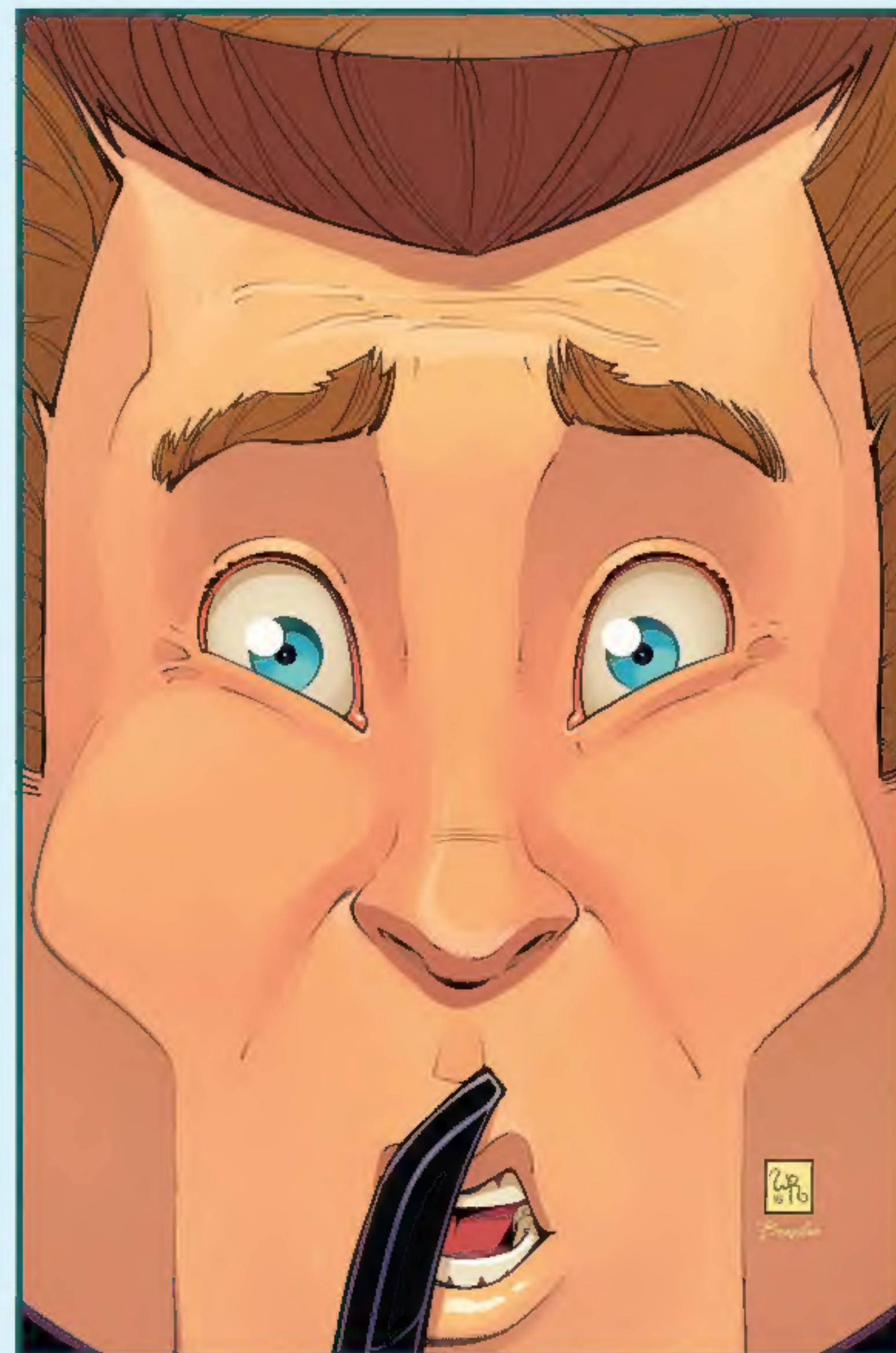
Damien White
Adelaide, Australia

I find this letter of particular interest because the artist on our series, Will, is himself British. Before reading this, I thought the only thing that being British made you eligible for was knighthood but apparently I was mistaken. At least that explains his penchant for mustache twirling and his sinister laughter whenever I mention the crown jewels.

Zac

The Great Lakes Avengers still need more applicants--the turnover/brutal-murder-in-the-line-of-duty rate is pretty high. Send your qualifications to MHEROES@MARVEL.COM marked "OKAY TO PRINT," even if all you can do is staple papers real good or remember to feed your cat regularly. Have we mentioned how low the bar is here?

NEXT:



Is this Flatman or a comic?
Who can say?

